

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 723

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Bill and Christine Lefevers on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to help special citizens celebrate milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1938, Bill and Christine Lefevers were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's journey, facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lefevers' nuptial event took place on a country road in the Morrison area of Warren County under a large oak tree in an Model-A Ford; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lefevers are residents of Warren County and have been highly respected citizens of the Morrison community for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Lefevers were beef and dairy farmers for many years, and together they supported their family through the bountiful yield of their farm, and

WHEREAS, the Lefevers worked hard on the family farm to ensure their children could complete their education; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 82 and 76, respectively, Mr. and Mrs. Lefevers continue to raise cattle and to cultivate their garden; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lefevers were previously members of the Riverside Community Improvement Club. Mrs. Lefevers served with distinction as secretary of the Home Demonstration Club at that time and Mr. Lefevers served astutely as a member of the fair board and the Soil Conservation District; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Lefevers was appropriately honored with the Conservative Farmer Award in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the Lefevers are both active members of the Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lefevers are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced four children, each of whom has made his or her mark on the world and is highly successful in their own right; the Lefevers children are: Dora Lefevers Cooper, Bobby Lefevers, David Lefevers, and Carol Lefevers Pow; and;

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lefevers are delighted to be called Grandpa and Grandma by their ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, sixteen step-great-grandchildren, and two step-great-great-grandchildren, and

WHEREAS, they are also greatly appreciative of their relationship with their two sons-in-law and two daughters-in-law; and

WHEREAS, for 60 years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, the Lefevers are greatly loved and respected by their children, grandchildren, extended family, and friends and they were honored by the presence of at least 175 family members and friends at their 60th wedding anniversary celebration, which was given by their children and held at the Berea Church of Christ Fellowship Hall on April 5, 1998; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as this are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Bill and Christine Lefevers as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.